

AATF Fall Meeting Minutes October 2, 2021 5:00-7:00pm

1. President Rob Napier's welcome

- a. This summer's convention was held online. The 2022 AATF summer convention is expected to be in person in New Orleans.
- b. We are striving to have 100 members in our chapter.
- c. If you know a French teacher seeking a job, visit teacherrecruitment.frenchteachers.org/jobs
- d. New cultural liaison based in Houston- Bettina GARDELLES
- e. National French Week- **November 1-5, 2021.**
- f. New TV5 website for teachers available- TV5mondeplus.com
- g. Alliance Française de Dallas has new location- 6029 Beltline- They offer several pedagogical books on FLE for your classroom
- h. UnitedSchools.world- offers learning opportunities between the sister cities of Dijon and Dallas

2. Chapter Business- New Secretary and Treasurer's Report

- a. Secretary nominations- Emily Whitehurst will serve as the secretary of the North Texas AATF this year.
- b. Treasurer's Report- As of October 2, 2021, there is **\$11,281.52** in the DATCU account for the chapter. We currently have **\$1,663.70** in revenue from the 2021 3rd and 4th reimbursement checks and Le Grand Concours from AATF. We have spent **\$683.74** on our website and Central Market gift cards for former board members.

3. National French Week

- a. National French Week- **November 1-5 2021**
- b. Any member is welcome to join the committee for National French Week
- c. We had breakout rooms and recorded our ideas on [this jamboard](#). The jamboard was organized into 2 categories; school events and activities and Zoom activities for the chapter.
- d. School activities include a French immersion night at North Hills November 3, 2021 from 5:00-7:00pm, writing thank you notes in French to teachers, cooking night, board game night, talent show, trivia, scavenger hunt.
- e. Zoom activities for the chapter include sharing Francophone recipes, discussing Francophone music, poetry slam reading, trivia, book club, short films, scavenger hunt, choice board

4. Grand Concours Update

- a. Jody Lubbers shared the Grand Concours Update
- b. **February 14-March 5, 2022 (Grades 1-6)** may take the Grand Concours.
- c. **February 16-March 30, 2022 (Grades 7-12)** may take the Grand Concours.
- d. All portions of the Concours must be taken online, and it is possible to divide portions so the student doesn't have to take the whole exam at the same time.
- e. Pricing- **\$5** for members, **\$10** for non-members plus \$1.50 fee from the chapter.
- f. The concours is based around I can statements of World Readiness French standards.

- g. For more information, visit frenchteachers.org/concours and/or email grandconcours@aatfnorthtexas.org

5. Results from Outreach Committee Meeting

- a. [Sponsorship letter](#)
- b. AATF North Texas Fall social gathering will be held at Anne-Cécile's home on Saturday, November 6 from 6:00-8:00pm.
- c. If you'd like to attend, you must fill out a google form and then you will be given her address.
- d. Marie-Eve won a free membership for the remainder of 2021 since she is a French teacher in training and first time member.

6. PD Focus: Breakout Rooms

- a. Attendees were put in breakout rooms to discuss various activities that they found helpful in their particular classrooms.
- b. Useful websites discussed include [liveworksheets.com](https://www.liveworksheets.com), [jeopardylabs.com](https://www.jeopardylabs.com), [carrefour.fr](https://www.carrefour.fr). One member discussed an escape room she did with her elementary students which turned out to be very engaging and successful.
- c. Sophie Morton proposed a virtually monthly Zoom session for French teachers who would like to improve their speaking skills. She plans to spearhead the project.

7. Spring 2022 Events

- a. Spring Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, **February 26, 2022** at Messina Hof
- b. The Festival Francophone is scheduled for Saturday, **March 26, 2022** at Fort Worth Country Day School from 9am-2pm.
- c. Potential dates for the AATF North Texas Chapter Spring Meeting include **April 23, April 30, or May 7, 2022**

8. Meeting Adjournment

- a. Professional development certifications will be sent via email if you provided your email address during the meeting.
- b. Be sure to follow all AATF North Texas Social Media platforms including Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.
- c. Merci de votre attention et Vive la France